**Table A7: Ten Most Common Surnames in the Counties of the 1901 Census**

| | ABERDEEN | | | ARGYLL | | | AYR | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number of names 303,537 | | | Number of names 77,563 | | | Number of names 251,197 | |
| 1 | SMITH | 6,574 | | CAMPBELL | 3,046 | | WILSON | 4,159 |
| 2 | MILNE | 4,908 | | CAMERON | 2,594 | | BROWN | 3,630 |
| 3 | ROBERTSON | 3,969 | | MCDONALD | 2,022 | | SMITH | 3,428 |
| 4 | DAVIDSON | 3,909 | | MCLEAN | 1,845 | | CAMPBELL | 2,723 |
| 5 | ANDERSON | 3,780 | | MCINTYRE | 1,299 | | THOMSON | 2,249 |
| 6 | DUNCAN | 3,593 | | MCMILLAN | 1,264 | | YOUNG | 2,157 |
| 7 | REID | 3,586 | | MCCALLUM | 1,261 | | STEWART | 1,950 |
| 8 | THOMSON | 3,559 | | MCDOUGALL | 1,157 | | REID | 1,876 |
| 9 | MITCHELL | 3,029 | | SMITH | 919 | | ROBERTSON | 1,875 |
| 10 | FRASER | 3,028 | | MCKINNON | 889 | | KERR | 1,853 |

| | BANFF | | | BERWICK | | | BUTE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number of names 61,743 | | | Number of names 30,599 | | | Number of names 18,672 | |
| 1 | SMITH | 1,952 | | SCOTT | 466 | | STEWART | 367 |
| 2 | GRANT | 1,191 | | WILSON | 442 | | KERR | 344 |
| 3 | COWIE | 1,003 | | JOHNSTON | 427 | | CURRIE | 276 |
| 4 | WILSON | 981 | | BROWN | 422 | | ROBERTSON | 268 |
| 5 | REID | 977 | | PURVES | 422 | | CAMPBELL | 243 |
| 6 | WATT | 940 | | ANDERSON | 413 | | MCMILLAN | 233 |
| 7 | MURRAY | 815 | | YOUNG | 353 | | HAMILTON | 210 |
| 8 | DUNCAN | 779 | | ROBERTSON | 345 | | MCDONALD | 201 |
| 9 | ROBERTSON | 779 | | PATTERSON | 320 | | BROWN | 200 |
| 10 | GORDON | 732 | | AITCHISON | 315 | | DUNCAN | 193 |

| | CAITHNESS | | | CLACKMANNAN | | | DUMBARTON | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number of names 33,669 | | | Number of names 31,992 | | | Number of names 112,750 | |
| 1 | SUTHERLAND | 2,391 | | HUNTER | 893 | | CAMPBELL | 1,489 |
| 2 | SINCLAIR | 1,336 | | PATERSON | 845 | | SMITH | 1,380 |
| 3 | GUNN | 1,144 | | MITCHELL | 446 | | STEWART | 1,122 |
| 4 | MILLER | 1,087 | | THOMSON | 430 | | WILSON | 1,100 |
| 5 | MACKAY | 876 | | DAWSON | 386 | | BROWN | 1,033 |
| 6 | MANSON | 750 | | WILSON | 330 | | THOMSON | 876 |
| 7 | BAIN | 746 | | FERGUSON | 325 | | MCDONALD | 868 |
| 8 | HENDERSON | 702 | | ROBERTSON | 324 | | CAMERON | 835 |
| 9 | CAMPBELL | 695 | | ALLAN | 317 | | ROBERTSON | 792 |
| 10 | CORMACK | 657 | | ANDERSON | 315 | | GRAHAM | 784 |

| | DUMFRIES | | | EDINBURGH | | | ELGIN | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number of names 72,522 | | | Number of names 485,956 | | | Number of names 44,652 | |
| 1 | BELL | 1,546 | | BROWN | 6,637 | | GRANT | 1,519 |
| 2 | JOHNSTONE | 1,365 | | SMITH | 6,420 | | FRASER | 1,093 |
| 3 | IRVING | 1,140 | | ROBERTSON | 6,119 | | SMITH | 1,009 |
| 4 | WILSON | 1,091 | | WILSON | 5,542 | | ROSS | 939 |
| 5 | SMITH | 1,070 | | THOMSON | 5,340 | | MCKENZIE | 917 |
| 6 | THOMSON | 995 | | ANDERSON | 4,723 | | STEWART | 814 |
| 7 | GRAHAM | 980 | | SCOTT | 4,613 | | MCDONALD | 812 |
| 8 | SCOTT | 890 | | STEWART | 3,682 | | ANDERSON | 695 |
| 9 | BROWN | 820 | | CAMPBELL | 3,460 | | ROBERTSON | 664 |
| 10 | KERR | 729 | | HENDERSON | 3,408 | | CAMERON | 583 |

| | FIFE<br>Number of names 215,281 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | THOMSON | 3,511 |
| 2 | BROWN | 3,363 |
| 3 | ROBERTSON | 3,342 |
| 4 | WILSON | 2,949 |
| 5 | SMITH | 2,932 |
| 6 | ANDERSON | 2,747 |
| 7 | HENDERSON | 1,976 |
| 8 | SCOTT | 1,935 |
| 9 | DUNCAN | 1,802 |
| 10 | MITCHELL | 1,777 |

| | FORFAR<br>Number of names 284,448 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | SMITH | 5,933 |
| 2 | ROBERTSON | 4,497 |
| 3 | ANDERSON | 3,645 |
| 4 | STEWART | 3,623 |
| 5 | BROWN | 2,788 |
| 6 | SCOTT | 2,758 |
| 7 | DUNCAN | 2,610 |
| 8 | MITCHELL | 2,385 |
| 9 | MILNE | 2,289 |
| 10 | THOMSON | 2,283 |

| | HADDINGTON<br>Number of names 38,671 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | THOMSON | 758 |
| 2 | SMITH | 629 |
| 3 | DICKSON | 469 |
| 4 | BROWN | 441 |
| 5 | SCOTT | 439 |
| 6 | ANDERSON | 436 |
| 7 | ROBERTSON | 406 |
| 8 | WILSON | 358 |
| 9 | HOGG | 342 |
| 10 | YOUNG | 338 |

| | INVERNESS<br>Number of names 89,540 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | MCDONALD | 5,363 |
| 2 | FRASER | 4,612 |
| 3 | MACDONALD | 4,382 |
| 4 | CAMPBELL | 2,314 |
| 5 | MCLEOD | 2,010 |
| 6 | MCKENZIE | 1,943 |
| 7 | CAMERON | 1,909 |
| 8 | GRANT | 1,814 |
| 9 | MACKENZIE | 1,748 |
| 10 | MORRISON | 1,623 |

| | KINCARDINE<br>Number of names 40,936 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | SMITH | 810 |
| 2 | WOOD | 709 |
| 3 | MILNE | 654 |
| 4 | CHRISTIE | 565 |
| 5 | CRAIG | 550 |
| 6 | TAYLOR | 512 |
| 7 | ROBERTSON | 507 |
| 8 | WALKER | 484 |
| 9 | DUNCAN | 466 |
| 10 | STEWART | 453 |

| | KINROSS<br>Number of names 6,978 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | ROBERTSON | 108 |
| 2 | SCOTT | 107 |
| 3 | REID | 102 |
| 4 | THOMSON | 86 |
| 5 | BEVERIDGE | 76 |
| 6 | MILLAR | 76 |
| 7 | ANDERSON | 74 |
| 8 | MARSHALL | 71 |
| 9 | DUNCAN | 68 |
| 10 | YOUNG | 68 |

| | KIRKCUDBRIGHT<br>Number of names 39,510 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | SMITH | 641 |
| 2 | THOMSON | 564 |
| 3 | WILSON | 490 |
| 4 | JOHNSTONE | 458 |
| 5 | BROWN | 405 |
| 6 | MURRAY | 363 |
| 7 | CLARK | 347 |
| 8 | SCOTT | 328 |
| 9 | MCKIE | 313 |
| 10 | GIBSON | 271 |

| | LANARK<br>Number of names 1,303,630 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | SMITH | 16,056 |
| 2 | BROWN | 15,678 |
| 3 | WILSON | 13,619 |
| 4 | CAMPBELL | 12,958 |
| 5 | THOMSON | 11,248 |
| 6 | STEWART | 10,598 |
| 7 | ROBERTSON | 10,335 |
| 8 | MCDONALD | 9,442 |
| 9 | ANDERSON | 8,885 |
| 10 | HAMILTON | 8,248 |

| | LINLITHGOW<br>Number of names 64,392 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | BROWN | 1,016 |
| 2 | WILSON | 819 |
| 3 | SMITH | 816 |
| 4 | ROBERTSON | 713 |
| 5 | THOMSON | 676 |
| 6 | ANDERSON | 655 |
| 7 | GRANT | 548 |
| 8 | HAMILTON | 529 |
| 9 | MARSHALL | 459 |
| 10 | WALKER | 433 |

| | NAIRN<br>Number of names 8,572 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | FRASER | 403 |
| 2 | MCDONALD | 268 |
| 3 | MCINTOSH | 263 |
| 4 | ROSS | 217 |
| 5 | MCKENZIE | 209 |
| 6 | MACDONALD | 181 |
| 7 | CAMERON | 156 |
| 8 | GRANT | 156 |
| 9 | ROBERTSON | 147 |
| 10 | CAMPBELL | 137 |

| | ORKNEY<br>Number of names 27,673 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | SINCLAIR | 900 |
| 2 | SPENCE | 479 |
| 3 | RENDALL | 464 |
| 4 | MUIR | 459 |
| 5 | FLETT | 427 |
| 6 | TULLOCH | 420 |
| 7 | THOMSON | 418 |
| 8 | SUTHERLAND | 417 |
| 9 | ROBERTSON | 402 |
| 10 | DREVER | 395 |

| | PEEBLES<br>Number of names 15,471 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | BROWN | 304 |
| 2 | SCOTT | 282 |
| 3 | WILSON | 221 |
| 4 | SMITH | 206 |
| 5 | ANDERSON | 197 |
| 6 | THOMSON | 181 |
| 7 | TAIT | 149 |
| 8 | MURRAY | 144 |
| 9 | WATSON | 132 |
| 10 | VEITCH | 125 |

| | PERTH<br>Number of names 123,500 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | ROBERTSON | 3,514 |
| 2 | STEWART | 3,322 |
| 3 | CAMPBELL | 1,792 |
| 4 | CAMERON | 1,528 |
| 5 | MCDONALD | 1,500 |
| 6 | SMITH | 1,462 |
| 7 | MCGREGOR | 1,289 |
| 8 | ANDERSON | 1,252 |
| 9 | MCLAREN | 1,250 |
| 10 | SCOTT | 1,165 |

| | RENFREW<br>Number of names 290,662 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | CAMPBELL | 3,415 |
| 2 | SMITH | 3,336 |
| 3 | BROWN | 3,051 |
| 4 | WILSON | 2,924 |
| 5 | STEWART | 2,886 |
| 6 | THOMSON | 2,372 |
| 7 | ANDERSON | 2,079 |
| 8 | ROBERTSON | 2,061 |
| 9 | MCDONALD | 1,745 |
| 10 | REID | 1,721 |

| | ROSS & CROMARTY<br>Number of names 76,112 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | MACKENZIE | 3,926 |
| 2 | MACLEOD | 3,890 |
| 3 | MCKENZIE | 3,671 |
| 4 | ROSS | 3,563 |
| 5 | MCLEOD | 3,531 |
| 6 | MACDONALD | 3,219 |
| 7 | MCDONALD | 2,909 |
| 8 | CAMPBELL | 1,896 |
| 9 | MUNRO | 1,883 |
| 10 | FRASER | 1,716 |

| | ROXBURGH<br>Number of names 48,721 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | SCOTT | 2,210 |
| 2 | TURNBULL | 1,064 |
| 3 | WILSON | 725 |
| 4 | ELLIOT | 671 |
| 5 | THOMSON | 665 |
| 6 | OLIVER | 626 |
| 7 | MURRAY | 622 |
| 8 | DOUGLAS | 547 |
| 9 | ANDERSON | 543 |
| 10 | BROWN | 515 |

| | SELKIRK<br>Number of names 22,917 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | SCOTT | 797 |
| 2 | BROWN | 465 |
| 3 | THOMSON | 340 |
| 4 | DOUGLAS | 249 |
| 5 | HOGG | 246 |
| 6 | WILSON | 239 |
| 7 | SMITH | 230 |
| 8 | MURRAY | 223 |
| 9 | ANDERSON | 195 |
| 10 | HENDERSON | 193 |

| | SHETLAND<br>Number of names 27,718 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | SMITH | 1,311 |
| 2 | WILLIAMSON | 992 |
| 3 | JAMIESON | 975 |
| 4 | ANDERSON | 955 |
| 5 | ROBERTSON | 914 |
| 6 | JOHNSON | 852 |
| 7 | SINCLAIR | 695 |
| 8 | IRVINE | 671 |
| 9 | NICOLSON | 522 |
| 10 | LAURENSON | 483 |

| | STIRLING<br>Number of names 141,131 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | BROWN | 1,747 |
| 2 | WILSON | 1,575 |
| 3 | SMITH | 1,567 |
| 4 | ANDERSON | 1,479 |
| 5 | ROBERTSON | 1,448 |
| 6 | CAMPBELL | 1,399 |
| 7 | STEWART | 1,243 |
| 8 | THOMSON | 1,239 |
| 9 | TAYLOR | 1,188 |
| 10 | MARSHALL | 1,042 |

| | SUTHERLAND<br>Number of names 21,345 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | MACKAY | 3,037 |
| 2 | SUTHERLAND | 1,463 |
| 3 | MCLEOD | 1,086 |
| 4 | ROSS | 1,084 |
| 5 | MCKAY | 839 |
| 6 | MUNRO | 751 |
| 7 | MURRAY | 728 |
| 8 | MCKENZIE | 650 |
| 9 | MATHESON | 569 |
| 10 | MACLEOD | 513 |

| | WIGTON<br>Number of names 32,495 | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | MURRAY | 386 |
| 2 | SMITH | 368 |
| 3 | MCDOWALL | 349 |
| 4 | GIBSON | 339 |
| 5 | HANNAH | 328 |
| 6 | WILSON | 327 |
| 7 | CAMPBELL | 322 |
| 8 | STEWART | 319 |
| 9 | THOMSON | 314 |
| 10 | MCKIE | 293 |